## CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE

*re : Cholera and Gastro-enterities in Gulbarga District.*

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, I call the attention of the Hon. Minister for Health and Family Welfare to the several deaths of persons on account of Cholera and Gastro-enteritis in Gulbarga District.

SRI A.K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health and Family Welfare).—Sir, I wish to make the following statement.

There were 40 attacks due to Cholera infection in Gulbarga city during June 1981 (upto 25-6-1981). The position in all Taluks of the District is indicated below :

| Sl. No. | Name of the Taluk | No. of affected villages | No. of attacks | Number of Deaths |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | Gulbarga | 4 | 48 | 3 |
| 2 | Jewargi | 2 | 16 | 3 |
| 3 | Shahapur | 5 | 17 | 6 |
| 4 | Shorapur | 3 | 11 | 1 |
| 5 | Afzalpur | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| 6 | Chittapur | 3 | 6 | Nil |
| 7 | Chincholi | 1 | 1 | Nil |
| 8 | Yadgir | 4 | 16 | 2 |

Action has been taken expeditiously to take up preventive measures *viz.*, mass inoculation, Chlorination of Wells etc. The details thereof are furnished below :

| Name of the Taluk | No. of Anticholera Inoculation | No. of Wells chlorinated |
|---|---|---|
| Gulbarga | 3606 | 9 |
| Jewargi | 4877 | 14 |
| Shahapur | 4241 | 40 |
| Shorapur | 2213 | 11 |
| Afzalpur | 1573 | 5 |
| Chittapur | 2555 | 25 |
| Chincholi | 180 | 1 |
| Yadgir | 4688 | 26 |

All out efforts are being made to see that the spread of the disease is arrested.

Health education is also being imparted by the Hospitals and the field staff for observing personal hygiene in order to prevent spread and recurrence of cholera disease.

SRI PRABHAKAR TELKAR.—Sir, I think that total deaths due to Cholera and Gastro-enterities ore 15. Now, the steps taken by the Government, as per the statement made by the Hon'ble Minister for Health, are not at all adequate. During rainy season. I feel that the Chlorination of Wells is very very important because in villages the wells are not protected as they ought to be. Secondly, the villagers who are on the banks of rivers also get water from the rivers for drinking. During rainy season they will get dirty water. If they drink this water. they will be naturally attacked by Cholera and Gastro-enterities and as a result deaths occur. Therefore, we must provide some good water to the people who live on the banks of the rivers It is very essential that chlorination of the wells in each of the villages should be taken up. The Chlorination taken up as per the statement is very much less when compared to the existing number of wells. Therefore, I request the Government to direct the concerned authority to see that Chlorination of these wells are taken up at the earliest. People who are residing in the villages and on the banks of rivers should be supplied with good water. The number of anti-cholera inoculations given will have to be ascertained. The Chlorination of wells in towns and in principal areas also is very essential. I request the Government to take necessary action in this connection.

SRI A. K. ABDUL SAMAD (Minister for Health).—Mr. Speaker, Sir, I fully agree with the Hon'ble Member that providing good drinking water to the inhabitants of this locality who are affected by this Cholera and Gastro-enterities is very important. As desired by the Hon'ble Member, I will ensure that more number of wells in every village are chlorinated and instructions will be issued accordingly. As regards the inoculation, it is confined to the areas where it has been affected. If any other area is left over we will see that it is also covered under our preventive steps. Regarding Gulbarga City Municipality, I will ask the Health Officer to see that necessary steps are taken.